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WASHINGTON, January 23, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 18 totaled 313,076, down 3.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and down 2.5 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were down 7.0 percent in the East and up 0.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain decreased by 2,072 cars (6.9 percent), loadings of coal fell by 6,728 cars (5.2 percent), and lumber and wood products loadings increased by 690 cars (13.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first three weeks of 1992 totaled 894,314, up 2.7 percent from the comparable period in 1991.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,072 trailers and containers for the week ended January 18, up 2.6 percent from 1991.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of 1992 was 331,345 trailers and containers, 3.1 percent above the 1991 comparable total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 18 totaled 20.3 billion, down 0.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1991. Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1992 was an estimated 57.7 billion ton-miles, up 5.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,864	29,936	-6.9 %	31,424	-11.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,665	2,334	-28.7	1,511	10.2
Metallic Ores	13,935	14,282	-2.4	14,181	-1.7
Coal	122,771	129,499	-5.2	125,917	-2.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	8,958	9,192	-2.5	10,432	-14.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,364	9,247	-20.4	7,913	-6.9
Grain Mill Products	10,417	10,421	0.0	10,466	-0.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,109	9,344	-2.5	9,103	0.1
Primary Forest Products	8,921	9,233	-3.4	9,839	-9.3
Lumber & Wood Products	5,776	5,086	13.6	5,541	4.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,489	10,865	-3.5	10,812	-3.0
Chemicals	28,958	28,430	1.9	28,943	0.1
Petroleum Products	5,036	5,223	-3.6	5,230	-3.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7,662	8,244	-7.1	7,975	-3.9
Coke	5,668	5,234	8.3	5,355	5.8
Metals & Products	10,054	10,365	-3.0	10,099	-0.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,481	14,052	3.1	11,975	20.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,191	8,188	0.0	8,475	-3.4
All Other Carloads	5,757	5,546	3.8	6,037	-4.6
Total	**313,076**	**324,721**	**-3.6 %**	**321,228**	**-2.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 3 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 18, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**313,076**	**324,721**	**-3.6 %**	**894,314**	**871,154**	**2.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	58,814	63,044	-6.7	157,260	167,443	-6.1
Containers	62,258	54,923	13.4	174,085	153,939	13.1
Total	121,072	117,967	2.6	331,345	321,382	3.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.3	20.4	-0.5 %	57.7	54.6	5.7 %

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